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DT/Gibson, Berry

New Brunswick, N. J.
September 28th, 1926.

Re: Jane Gibson's efforts to
secure corroboration.

Timothy Newell Pfeiffer, Esq.,
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New York City.

Dear Sir:-

On Friday evening, September 24th, I interviewed Mrs. Annie F. Berry of Middlebush, N. J. Mrs. Berry conducts a rooming house at 203 West 87th Street, New York City.

Mrs. Berry claims that she has known Mrs. Gibson for a number of years and says that she has always found her to be honest and truthful. The only thing that Mrs. Gibson has ever said which she had any reason to doubt is that she is the mother of the child which she now has on the farm with her.

I questioned Mrs. Berry in regard to a conversation which it is claimed that she had with Mrs. Gibson wherein Mrs. Gibson had suggested to her that she get dolled up and get into the case as there was money in it.

Mrs. Berry says that one the day that Sipel was at Somerville to appear before the Grand Jury four years ago, that Mrs. Gibson came to her farm looking for Sipel. That she informed Mrs. Gibson of the fact that Sipel was at Somerville. She claimed that she did not know that he had gone there.

At this time Mrs. Berry was conducting a baby farm as she termed it. In other words she was taking in young babies to board and care for them. This kept her confined to the house all of the time and she was running down in her health and spirit. In the course of their conversation on this occasion she claims that Mrs. Gibson had remarked on her appearance and had suggested that she pull herself together, dress up and go around a little to forget her cares. She claims that Mrs. Gibson's suggestion along this line had no reference to the Hall-Mills case.

She further informed me that Mrs. Gibson is a very determined sort of woman and once she makes up her mind to any thing, so cannot be turned aside. Also that at the present time Mrs. Gibson is in a very nervous condition and worries continuously about the outcome of the case. Mrs. Gibson has had a nervous twitching of her eyes for some time but of late this condition had grown worse. I am satisfied that she is on friendly terms with Mrs. Gibson.

Respectfully yours,